



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schneider, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/266,889)

Filed: March 12, 1999)

For: Ultrasound Contrast Agents And)
Methods Of Making And Using Them)

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Examiner: M. Hartley

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2002 ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above referenced application, U.S.S.N. 09/266,889 (hereinafter referred to as "the '889 application").

A response to the Office Action was originally due November 7, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$920.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 7, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

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